

MINUTES

Town of North
January 13, 2014
North Town Hall

Mayor Jeffcoat called the regular meeting of Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Council members Lane, Jones, Washington and Carson. Also in attendance were Chief Mark Fallaw and Town Clerk Carrie Garrett.

Mayor Jeffcoat led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jeffcoat declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2013 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Council member Washington, and upon vote minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comments:

- None

Water/Sewer Report:

Rick Bryan presented the Water/Sewer report for December, 2013 (copy attached). Bryan also addressed council regarding customer complaints of sewer backups and how the town will handle them. SC Plumbing Code requires that sewer customers have a clean out at their property line. Industry standard provides for the town to maintain the line from that cleanout at the property line. Most properties in North do not have the cleanout installed at the property line. Unless Mr. Bryan is told to do differently, our department is advising customers that they will have to have a cleanout installed at their property line, otherwise all we can do is check the manholes. Bryan also mentioned that Council should start considering rate increases.

Police Report:

Chief Fallaw reviewed the North Police report for December, 2013 (copy attached).

Old Business:

- Jeffcoat reviewed the financial statement for December, 2013.

New Business:

- Mayor Jeffcoat announced that the Community of Character trait for January, 2014 is Responsibility.
- Mayor Jeffcoat read the Proclamation in Observance of National Mentoring Month. Bill Clark with Orangeburg School District 5 spoke regarding the need for mentors for our local youth. Motion was made by Council member Jones to accept the Proclamation. Motion was seconded by Council member Lane and upon vote carried unanimously.
- Bill Hancock presented the 2012-2013 audit report. There were no major deficiencies to report. The Town technically operated at a loss for the fiscal year, but depreciation is a large portion of that loss amount. He noted that he agreed with our water operator regarding the need to look at rate increases.
- Mayor Jeffcoat introduced an Agreement To Update North Comprehensive Plan, North Zoning Ordinance, and Official Zoning Map for the Town of North, South Carolina. Council member Carson inquired as to seeing other bids for this service. Town Clerk Garrett remarked that she did check with the Municipal Association of SC and this would be considered a "sole source vendor" due to their local knowledge and resources for the area and that the COG knows the process and state requirements more so than most other agencies. Council member Carson

indicated that our Town Code requires that we obtain bids. Clerk Garrett read §8.415 of the North Town Code regarding the Waiver. Council member Jones made a motion that Council waive the provision of the purchasing ordinance requiring bids. Motion was seconded by Council member Lane and on vote carried by 4 to 1 vote with Council member Carson opposing. Council member Lane then made a motion to accept the Agreement To Update North Comprehensive Plan, North Zoning Ordinance, and Official Zoning Map for the Town of North, South Carolina. Motion was seconded by Council member Jones and upon vote carried by 4 to 1 vote with Council member Carson opposing.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Jeffcoat noted that the clock has been converted and now reflects the correct time.

Council Announcements:

None

Public Comments:

None

There being no further business, Councilmember Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Garrett